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Park & Rec Commission Minutes 05-09-06

Park and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, May 9, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED - Meeting Minutes

Present: Joe Carabello, Tom Caccavarro, Leslie Mayer, Nancy Campbell

Staff: Jon Jalbert, Patsy Kraemer, Dan Brothers

1. Approval April Minutes –
 - a. MOTION TO ACCEPT AS AMENDED-LM
 - b. 2ND NANCY CAMPBELL, APPROVED 4-0

2. Summer Street Neighborhood Association –10minutes
 - a. Jeannie Leary spoke on behalf of the SSNA. Some of her concerns are as follows:
 1. Loitering until 2:30 am by user groups
 2. Trash Issues over flowing barrels resulting in increased rats (there is a total of 8 barrels)
 3. Excessive noise since they took the trees down due to the State Project.

Tom Caccavarro questioned why DPW doesn't add pick ups throughout the weekends due to high volume of activities. After hours loitering is unacceptable. Tom recommends the town needs to step up and pick up trash.

Joe Carabello asked Mr. Brothers about the loitering in the rink. Mr. Brothers stated there is some loitering after the last group has ended.

Further discussion ensued on the lateness of user groups from neighbors. Neighbors requested a policy to take their permits away if loitering occurs.

Leslie Mayer stated that there are current by-laws that state it is already illegal and enforcement needs to be improved.

3. Policy Recommendations or Changes
 - a. Field Lighting Policy
 1. Tom Caccavarro would like to amend the time for light fields must be off by 10 p.m.
 2. Leslie Mayer recommended integrating the lighting policy into the field permitting policy. Does it pertain to just sport organizations? What is the criteria of approval? Payment is an issue? Giving the keys to user groups is still a liability. Leslie Mayer asked about a memorandum agreement between the Town and Little League. Town Counsel has a copy of this memorandum.
 3. Remind user groups about the 10 pm shut off via email.
 4. MOTION TO HAVE ALL OUTDOOR LIGHTED FIELDS OFF BY 10 PM. –TOM CACCAVARRO, 2ND by NANCY CAMPBELL, APPROVED 4-0.
 5. THE PRC ASKED THE VOLUNTEERS TO STAND UP AND BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR EFFORTS AND VOLUNTEERISM AND TO BE THANKED.

- b. Loitering in Rink Parking Lot Policy will be instituted in the Fall
- c. Field Permitting Policy Amendment-PRC MOVED THE CONCERNS AND ISSUES TO THE FIELD USERS SUB COMMITTEE.

4. Special Event Approvals

5. Little League Storage container request- LL rep Dave Cunningham requested replacing the existing green shed at Buck Field with a 10x20 shed. The green shed would then be placed at McClellan Field. Mr. Carabello mentioned that a request has to go in front of the Redevelopment Board.

a. MOTION PENDING OTHER PERMITS NEEDED TO INSTALL STORAGE SHED AT BUCK- TOM CACCAVARRO, 2ND NANCY CAMPBELL, APPROVED 4-0.

6. Rink Fees Recommendation for 2006-07 season POSTPONED UNTIL JUNE.

- a. Cindy Curran stated that she would like to bring to the AHFSC board.
- b. Discussion continued about increasing costs for health insurance and utilities.

7. Committee Updates (5 minutes each)

- a. Field Users-working on getting signs done and will get more users involved at their next meeting
- b. SCIC – done for the year. PRC will be making a nomination from the public for the September meeting. Mr. Jalbert will post it on the website.
- c. RES- Leslie Mayer would like an agenda item for June re: landscaping plan. Geese are present and want to have dog company to start.
- d. OPEN- beginning to put their open space plan together and are trying to get more community input.
- e. CAPITAL- Leslie will be getting the notes together from the NU meeting. Friends group is committed to improving the playground.
- f. The capital plan needs to be updated to include NU updated numbers, Stratton School needs to be added FY08-
- g. Still waiting to hear on the award for design services. Now has been a month long.
- h. Memorial Tree and rock will be planted and moved shortly as a location has been identified.
- i. Turkey Hill sign proposal was presented by Leslie Mayer. No other comments were added. Leslie will go through Jim Dodge and John Sanchez.

8. Recreation and Rink Update

1. Recreation

- a. Going through transition of Rec-Trac online registrations
- b. Very busy in the office now

2. Rink

- a. Rink Report being prepared for the June meeting
- b. Ice conditions were great this year.
- c. Police chief would like suggested policy for after hours loitering at the rink. This discussion should take place in the May meeting.

3. Capital

- a. Waldo and Locke final walk through Thursday.
- b. Waldo celebration 5/20/06 – commissioner attending-Joe Carabello
- c. Locke celebration 5/25/06 – commissioner attending-Joe Carabello

4. Review the following

- a. Loitering Policy
- b. Field lighting policy draft-Postponed

5. Special Event Approvals

6. Items for the June agenda

Rink Report for 06-07 season – voting in June

9. Correspondences received

10. Others

PATSY THANKED THE COMMISSION FOR THEIR SERVICE AND THE PRC THANKED PATSY FOR HER CONTINUED SUPPORT.

Joe Carabello stated he will speak with John Sanchez regarding trash removal and adding sand to NU playground. Mr. Jalbert will send email to John and Teresa.

MOTION TO ADJOURN-NANCY CAMPBELL

2ND TOM CACCAVARRO

APPROVED 4-0